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# Retrieval of Past Performance Evaluations

The Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) (<a href="http://www.ppirs.gov/">http://www.ppirs.gov/</a>) is a web-enabled, Government-wide application that provides timely and pertinent Contractor past performance information to the Federal acquisition community for use in making source selection decisions. PPIRS assists Federal acquisition officials in making source selections by serving as the single source for Contractor past performance data. Confidence in a prospective Contractor's ability to satisfactorily perform contract requirements is an important factor in making best value decisions in the acquisition of goods and services.

PPIRS provides a query capability for authorized users to retrieve evaluation information detailing a Contractor's past performance. Evaluations are completed annually by customers for contracts that exceed the thresholds defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation. PPIRS functions as the central repository for performance assessment reports received from the following Federal performance information collection systems (please note that you will need to check with your agency to determine which of the systems they use; for example, Air Force uses the Navy's CPARS):

- o NIH Contractor Performance System (CPS)
- o NASA Past Performance Data Base (PPDB)
- o Army Past Performance Information Management System (PPIMS)
- o Corps of Engrs Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS)
- o Navy Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS)

Government access is restricted to those individuals who are working on source selections. <u>Contractors may view only their own data.</u> Contractor access to PPIRS is gained through the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) (<u>www.ccr.gov</u>) process.

Contractors must register in CCR and create a Marketing Partner Identification Number (MPIN) in the CCR profile to access their own PPIRS information. It is the Contractor's responsibility to establish and maintain their MPIN. For more information, Contractors can go to <a href="https://www.ccr.gov">www.ccr.gov</a> or call the CCR Help Desk at 888-227-2423 or 269-961-4725.

Please note that once evaluations are posted in PPIRS, they have already gone through the routing/review process by the above collection systems. It is important that you check with your Program/Contracting office to find out which collection system they will be using to report your performance so that you can learn how to access that system to participate in the evaluation process.

## FAR 15.305 -- Proposal Evaluation.

## (2) **■ Past performance evaluation ▶**.

- (i) Past performance information is one indicator of an offeror's ability to perform the contract successfully. The currency and relevance of the information, source of the information, context of the data, and general trends in contractor's performance shall be considered. This comparative assessment of past performance information is separate from the responsibility determination required under <u>subpart 9.1</u>.
- (ii) The solicitation shall describe the approach for evaluating past performance, including evaluating offerors with no relevant performance history, and shall provide offerors an opportunity to identify past or current contracts (including Federal, State, and local government and private) for efforts similar to the Government requirement. The solicitation shall also authorize offerors to provide information on problems encountered on the identified contracts and the offeror corrective actions. The Government shall consider this information, as well as information obtained from any other sources, when evaluating the offeror past performance. The source selection authority shall determine the relevance of similar past performance information.
- (iii) The evaluation should take into account past performance information regarding predecessor companies, key personnel who have relevant experience, or subcontractors that will perform major or critical aspects of the requirement when such information is relevant to the instant acquisition.
- (iv) In the case of an offeror without a record of relevant past performance or for whom information on past performance is not available, the offeror may not be evaluated favorably or unfavorably on past performance.
- (v) The evaluation should include the past performance of offerors in complying with subcontracting plan goals for small disadvantaged business (SDB) concerns (see <u>Subpart 19.7</u>), monetary targets for SDB participation (see <u>19.1202</u>), and notifications submitted under <u>19.1202-4(b)</u>.

### 42.1503 -- Procedures.

- (a) Agency procedures for the  **past performance evaluation ▶** system shall generally provide for input to the evaluations from the technical office, contracting office and, where appropriate, end users of the product or service.
- (b) Agency evaluations of contractor performance prepared under this subpart shall be provided to the contractor as soon as practicable after completion of the evaluation. Contractors shall be given a minimum of 30 days to submit comments, rebutting statements, or additional information. Agencies shall provide for review at a level above the contracting officer to consider disagreements between the parties regarding the evaluation. The ultimate conclusion on the performance evaluation is a decision of the contracting agency. Copies of the evaluation, contractor response, and review comments, if any, shall be retained as part of the evaluation. These evaluations may be used to support future award decisions, and should therefore be marked "Source Selection Information". Evaluation of Federal Prison Industries (FPI) performance may be used to support a clearance request (see 8.605) when FPI is a mandatory source in accordance with Subpart 8.6. The completed evaluation shall not be released to other than Government personnel and the contractor whose performance is being evaluated during the period the information may be used to provide source selection information. Disclosure of such information could cause harm both to the commercial interest of the Government and to the competitive position of the contractor being evaluated as well as impede the efficiency of Government operations. Evaluations used in determining award or incentive fee payments may also be used to satisfy the requirements of this subpart. A copy of the annual or final past performance evaluation hall be provided to the contractor as soon as it is finalized.